

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

November 14, 2002
1:35 p.m.

Present: Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
Mrs. Sharon L. Gire, Vice President
Mr. Michael David Warren, Jr., Secretary
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser, Treasurer (via telephone)
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate
Mr. John C. Austin
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer
Mrs. Sharon A. Wise
Mrs. Kimberly Wells, representing Governor John Engler, ex officio

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m., and asked Mrs. Straus to chair the meeting due to his laryngitis.

II. AGENDA MATERIALS

- A. Report on Consent Agenda
- B. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Tuscola Intermediate School District and Macomb Intermediate School District Plans for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- C. Report on Approval of Biennial Report of the Michigan School Readiness Program Legislative Review
- D. 2001-2002 Supplemental Funds for Strengthening Communications, Coordination, and Collaboration Among Agencies that are Working to Reduce Sexual Risk Behaviors Among School Age Young People, Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Program Announcement Number 805, School Health Programs to Prevent Serious Health Problems and Improve Educational Outcomes - Initial

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Tuscola Intermediate School District and Macomb Intermediate School District Plans for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services - added to agenda
- B. Report on Approval of Biennial Report of the Michigan School Readiness Program Legislative Review Committee - added to agenda
- C. 2001-2002 Supplemental Funds for Strengthening Communications, Coordination, and Collaboration Among Agencies that are Working to Reduce Sexual Risk Behaviors Among School Age Young People, under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Program Announcement Number 805, School Health Programs to Prevent Serious Health Problems and Improve Educational Outcomes - added to agenda

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mrs. Wise, that the following item be added to the agenda “Approval of Calculation and Definition of Adequate Yearly Progress.”

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mrs. Wise, that the following item be added to the agenda “Approval of Cut Scores for *Education Yes!*”

Ayes: Austin, Warren, Weiser, Wise
Nays: Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus

The motion failed.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mrs. Wise, that the following item be added to the agenda “Approval of Definition of Proficiency.”

Ayes: Austin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren, Weiser, Wise
Nays: Gire

The motion carried.

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mrs. Wise, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

The motion carried unanimously.

IV. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE - MRS. KATHLEEN N. STRAUS

Mrs. Straus introduced Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer, a newly elected member of the State Board of Education whose term begins January 1, 2003.

V. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of Whole Meeting of October 24, 2002
- B. Approval of State Board of Education Minutes of October 24, 2002
- C. Approval of Record of Committee of Whole Meeting of November 6, 2002

Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the: (1) Record of Committee of Whole Meeting of October 24, 2002, (2) Minutes of October 24, 2002, and (3) Record of Committee of Whole Meeting of November 6, 2002.

The motion carried unanimously.

VI. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced the members of the State Board of Education and guests attending the meeting.

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. State Board of Education Election Results

Mrs. Straus said Mrs. Carolyn Curtin, a Republican, and Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer, a Democrat, won the November 5, 2002, election and will begin their terms on January 1, 2002. Mrs. Straus said Mrs. Wise and Mr. Warren, whose terms are ending on December 31, 2002, will be recognized at the December 12, 2002, State Board meeting.

- B. Michigan Association of Arts Educators Conference

Mrs. Straus said she presented at the Michigan Association of Arts Educators Conference on October 25, 2002, in Lansing. She said Ms. Ana Cardona received an award for her work as the Arts Education Consultant for the Michigan Department of Education. Mrs. Straus said several people commented that Ms. Cardona is highly respected in the field of arts education.

C. United States Department of Education Regional Title I Conference

Mrs. Straus said she attended the United States Department of Education Regional Title I Conference in Chicago, Illinois on October 28-30, 2002. Mrs. Straus said many people were in attendance from Michigan including staff from Wayne RESA, Berrien County, several local districts, and the Michigan Department of Education. She said Dr. Susan Neuman, Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, United States Department of Education, encouraged Michigan to adopt the exact language of the federal legislation to define adequate yearly progress.

D. Mr. James Linsell, Teacher of the Year, Honored by Michigan State University

Mrs. Straus said she attended a dinner on November 8, 2002, honoring Mr. Jim Linsell, 2001 Teacher of the Year, as an Outstanding Alumnus of Michigan State University.

E. “Take the Test” Day

Mrs. Straus said she and Mrs. Gire participated in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) Take the Test Day on November 12, 2002 at Lansing Eastern High School. Mrs. Straus said Michigan has set high, rigorous academic standards for students, and this is reflected in the difficulty of the test.

F. Michigan Association of School Boards Conference

Mrs. Straus said she was a panelist at the Michigan Association of School Boards Conference on November 7, 2002. She said Mr. Ed Sarpolus, EPIC MRA pollster, was a panelist who emphasized that communications need to be stated in a language the general public understands rather than educational jargon.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A. Ms. Mary Bridget Monaghan, 3063 Sawgrass, Lansing, Michigan 48911.

Ms. Monaghan offered comments regarding academic standards.

B. Ms. Mary Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood offered comments regarding public school academies. Ms. Wood distributed copies of charter school information.

In response to Ms. Wood’s comments, Mr. Greg Olszta, Office of Education Options, Charters and Choice, Michigan Department of Education, explained the capacity of the Department given the current limited staff. Mr. Dan Quisenberry, Michigan Association of Public School Academies, applauded the Department for continuing to provide support to all Michigan public schools.

IX. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

There were no awards and recognitions.

X. APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO *EDUCATION YES! - A Yardstick for Excellent Schools*

Mrs. Straus said that the Board discussed the proposed revisions to *Education Yes!* during the morning Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mrs. Wise moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the revisions to *Education Yes! - A Yardstick for Excellent Schools*, as discussed during the morning Committee of the Whole meeting, and as attached as [Exhibit A](#).

The motion carried unanimously.

Education Yes! - A Yardstick for Excellent Schools is attached as Exhibit A.

XI. APPROVAL OF CALCULATION AND DEFINITION OF ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

Mrs. Straus said that the Board discussed the Calculation and Definition of Adequate Yearly Progress during the morning Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mrs. Wise moved, seconded by Mrs. Weiser, that the State Board of Education approve the Calculation and Definition of Adequate Yearly Progress, as discussed during the morning Committee of the Whole meeting, and as attached as Exhibit B.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Calculation of Adequate Yearly Progress is attached as [Exhibit B](#).

XII. APPROVAL OF DEFINITION OF PROFICIENCY FOR NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

Mrs. Straus said that the Board discussed the Definition of Proficiency for No Child Left Behind during the morning Committee of the Whole meeting.

There was consensus to clarify the Level 4 category by adding “or Apprentice” following “Below Basic.”

Mrs. Wise moved, seconded by Mr. Warren that the State Board of Education approve the Definition of Proficiency, as presented in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated November 14, 2002, and discussed during the morning Committee of the Whole meeting, as amended, and as attached as Exhibit C.

Mrs. Gire suggested that the cut scores and definition of proficiency be discussed at the same meeting.

Mrs. Straus said the current definition of proficiency in Michigan means “exceeds or meets” expectations.

Mrs. Gire said that her concern is that adequate yearly progress is defined as advanced, proficient, and basic. Mrs. Gire said she believes that advanced and proficient include a part of what is considered as Level 3, and that is a more reasonable goal to work toward which is not a poor standard of performance. Mrs. Gire said the Board should review the sample test and MEAP cut scores, and how measurements were done.

The vote on the motion was taken.

Ayes: Austin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren, Weiser, Wise
Abstain: Gire

The motion carried.

The Definition of Proficiency is attached as [Exhibit C](#).

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Criteria

- B. Adoption of Criteria for 2003-2004 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants

Resolutions

- C. Adoption of Resolution Regarding School Board Recognition Month

Approvals

- D. Approval of Model Policy and Guidelines for Administering Medications for Pupils at School
- E. Approval of Expense Report for Fiscal Year 2001-02

Mrs. Wise moved, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda, as follows:

- B. approve the criteria for the 2003-2004 New and Continuation William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program Grants, as described in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated November 4, 2002;**

- C. adopt the Resolution Regarding Local School Board Member Recognition Month, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 12, 2002;**
- D. approve the Model Policy and Guidelines for Administering Medications to Pupils at School, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 4, 2002;**
- E. approve the October 1, 2001 - September 30, 2002, report of the State Board of Education expenses, as attached to the State Board Executive's memorandum dated November 12, 2002, and authorize the State Board Executive to transmit the report to the House and Senate Fiscal Agencies and the Department of Management and Budget, as required by the Department of Education Appropriations Act.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The Resolution Regarding School Board Recognition Month is attached as [Exhibit D](#).

XIV. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Grants

- F. 2002-2003 Reading First - Amendment
- G. 2002-2003 Fruit and Vegetable Pilot Program - Initial
- H. 2001-2002 School Renovation, IDEA, and Technology Grant Program - Category 2 - Initial
- K. 2001-2002 Supplemental Funds for Strengthening Communications, Coordination, and Collaboration Among Agencies that are Working to Reduce Sexual Risk Behaviors Among School Age Young People, Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Program Announcements Number 805 - Initial

Reports

- I. Report on Modifications to the Previously Approved Tuscola Intermediate School District and Macomb Intermediate School District Plans for the Delivery of Special Education Programs and Services
- J. Report on Approval of Biennial Report of the Michigan School Readiness Program Legislative Review Committee

Mr. Watkins distributed copies of "Superintendent's Report" dated November 14, 2002.

XV. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Mr. Warren said his experience as a State Board of Education member has been wonderful, and he is honored to serve the children of Michigan. Mrs. Straus and Mr. Watkins thanked Mr. Warren and noted that a formal expression of appreciation will be presented at the December 12, 2002, meeting.

XVI. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mrs. Straus said cut scores will be discussed at the December 12, 2002, meeting. Mr. Watkins said he will recommend an Early Start Pre-Kindergarten Policy at the December meeting. Mr. Austin said he would like the Board to discuss creativity with regard to implementing sanctions. Mrs. Gire said she would like to discuss sanctions and resources available for intervention, and that the Healthy School Network would like to make a presentation in December or January. Dr. Moyer commended Mr. Watkins for his leadership, and requested a presentation by the Michigan Youth in Government.

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, said the Office of Civil Rights has requested an opportunity to address the Board with regard to Native American logos and mascots. There was consensus to schedule this presentation in 2003.

Mrs. Straus said that a survey has been distributed to Board members asking their preference for the 2003 Board Meeting Schedule that will be on the December 12, 2002, agenda. Mr. Watkins said there will be an orientation for new Board members and a Board retreat early in 2003.

Mrs. Straus said Proposal A to A+ will be scheduled for the December meeting. Mrs. Straus said future agenda items include: (1) review of *Education Yes!* once it has been implemented, (2) public school academies, and (3) curriculum issues including an update on the academic content standards review. Dr. Moyer said the status of the recommendations of the task forces also needs to be reviewed.

XVII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

A. December 12, 2002

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Warren, Jr.
Secretary